

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-7 having been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to as lacking a definition of the abbreviation "FRAM" as recited in the specification. Also, Claims 8-9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type patenting as directed to subject matter which is obvious over the issued claims of several of the assignee's earlier issued patents.

Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the specification, since the specification at page 1, lines 14-15 defines "FRAM" as "a nonvolatile memory using a ferroelectric capacitor." No further definition is believed to be necessary. If the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to define a more suitable definition.

In response to the several grounds for rejection under obviousness double patenting, submitted herewith is a duly executed terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, these grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome.

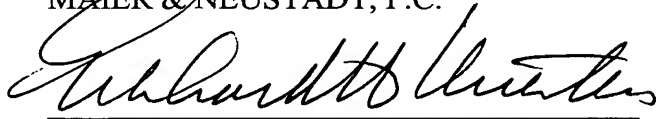
Consequently, in view of the above comments and in view of the terminal disclaimer concurrently filed herewith, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is

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believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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